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TELECOM SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was a whopping saving of Rs. 849.27 crores in the purchase of infrastructural areas of Telecom Service;
- (b) if so, the areas in which these shortcomings persisted; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to overcome them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Savings of funds for an amount of Rs. 849.27 crores was projected for the year 1996-97 under MH-5225 Capital Outlay (Plan), but actually savings amounted to Rs. 818.78 crores only. Major savings occurred under the scheme Long Distance Transmission System due to non receipt of expected equipments viz. apparatus & plants, cables, Lines & wires and VPTs.

(c) The system of assessing of requirement of funds under Capital Outlay (Plan) is now streamlined through regular monitoring, based on which the situation regarding surrender of funds has been improved and there was no savings/surrender of funds during the 1999-2000.